

INFORMAL – Purchases
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION



City Of High Point
Purchasing Division
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High Point, NC 27260
Phone: 336-883-3219 Fax: 336-883-3248

INFORMAL BID NUMBER: <u>2199-062613</u>	DATE: <u>June 17, 2013</u>
QUOTE DUE NO LATER THAN Thursday, June 26, 2013 No later than 4:00 pm.	
BUYER: Michelle Kiefer tracey.adams@highpointnc.gov TELEPHONE: (336) 883-3220	Bid price shall be FOB Destination and include delivery to: City of High Point

- Pursuant to General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 143-129, as amended, bids and proposals subject to the conditions and specifications herein, are invited for materials and equipment as described herein.
- Prices or any other entry made hereon by the bidders shall be considered firm and not subject to change or withdrawal.
- Bidders certify under penalty of perjury that this bid has not been arrived at collusively and that no Federal or North Carolina antitrust laws have been violated.
- State and County sales **taxes shall not be included** in the bid prices. Sales tax shall be added to vendors invoice and will be paid to vendor at time of invoice payment.
- Bidders shall sign this form and return it with additional bid documents on or before the above date and time, to the City of High Point Purchasing Division, P O Box 230 (27261), 211 S. Hamilton St., High Point, NC 27260. Bids may be RETURNED by Fax to 336-883-3248 or email tracey.adams@highpointnc.gov

Company Name	Signature
Address	Above (typed or printed)
City State Zip	Date
E-mail	Telephone Fax
<input type="checkbox"/>	

By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read and accept the terms and conditions associated with this bid.

CITY OF HIGH POINT
SPECIFICATIONS FOR
LEAGUE T-SHIRTS FOR PARKS & REC
Bid #2199-062613

SCOPE: It is the intent of this Invitation for Bid to establish a unit price contract for a one-year period, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 with all pricing to remain in effect during the contract period. Additionally, this contract will have the option to renew for two additional one (1) year periods if terms and pricing are agreeable to both parties.

QUANTITIES: Quantities shown are estimates. No maximum or minimum quantities are guaranteed. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities as needed.

DELIVERY: Delivery prices must be included in the unit price. Finished items will be shipped in groups according to size.

AWARD CRITERIA: As provided by Statute, bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications and offering the lowest cost on the most items.

1. Quality
2. Service
3. Price
4. General reputation & performance capabilities of bidder
5. Conformity with intent of specifications herein
6. Conformity with the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids

DEVIATIONS: Any deviations from specifications and requirements herein must be clearly pointed out by bidder. Otherwise it will be considered that services offered are in strict compliance with these specifications and requirements, a successful bidder will be held responsible therefore. Deviations must be explained in detail. However, the City makes no implication that deviations will be acceptable. Bidder is advised that the response (or lack thereof) on this question does not take precedence over specific responses or non-responses provided elsewhere in this bid.

QUANTITY: Quantities are estimates only.

TAX: Do NOT include tax for this bid.

SIZES: Successful bidder must be able to supply sizes small to XXX-Large (including tall sizes). Tall sizes must be available in T-shirts. T-shirts must be available in long and short sleeves. Successful bidder agrees to work with the department on the size, font style, colors, logo, patch location etc... on each item, which shall be approved by the department prior to the actual order.

LOGO: Sample of logo will be provided to successful bidder

Additional Specifications

All T-shirts are to be 50/50 blend such as Hanes Heavyweight or equal in blend, weight and durability.

Logo may be two (2) colors for Flag Football.

Numbers on back may be printed or transfer.

Lifeguard print must be Red.

All T-shirts will be delivered to individual Recreation Centers throughout the City of High Point.

Estimated Quantities: T-shirts, 1,000 (total each year)

No numbers will be on front of shirts, only on the back. Size of numbers will be 5 ½" height and 3 ½" width.

See attached sheets for logo information.

Team colors will change from center to center. These colors include: Kelly Green; Gold; Black Red; Royal Blue; White; Ashe; Green; Navy Blue; Lt. Blue/Carolina Blue; Orange; Purple; Grey; Tan; Yellow; Teal/Aqua; Burgundy; Stone Wash Blue; Lime Green; Light Steel Gray; Forest Green and Pink. Vendor must be able to supply all colors in every size.

Teams t-shirts must be the same brands and color. Shades must be the same for the whole team.

****Please note: As it is realized that some of the colors above are not easily recognizable, it is understood that the successful bidder will need to work with the center(s) who requested those colors to come up with an agreeable color selection****

The screen-printed numbers and logos will range in color as follows: White, Black and Navy.

The above shirt and color logos are in no way to be deemed as being restrictive. A reasonable effort will be made to accommodate both the center and the successful bidder.

All prices are to be DELIVERED pricing to each individual center. There will be an individual purchase order issued for each of the centers including specific sizes, colors, etc. for that particular center, and a center contact name and phone number regarding any questions remaining on that individual order. No order can be placed without a printed Purchase Order.

Prices of screen print and artwork must be included in price of T-shirts.

All sizes and quantities are estimated numbers.

Parks and Recreation Department will be ordered on an as needed basis 6-12 times per year.

Samples are not required prior to bid opening date however, prior to award, bidders may be requested to furnish samples. Each individual sample must be labeled with the bidder's name and item number.

All bids must include the manufacturer and shirt weights that will be used to comprise the various color selections. We realize there are some constraints without knowing exactly which sizes require which colors. Please supply as much information regarding style/weight as can reasonably be provided to suggest the product you are bidding on.

Questions about the specifications should be sent to Joyce Chamblis, joyce.chamblis@highpointnc.gov or (336) 883-3465.

BID FORM

Bid #2199-062613

Estimated Quantity

1,000 T-shirts

<u>Description</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
T-Shirt - Screenprint		
(Front)		
	YS	
	YM	
	YL	
	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	2XL	
	3XL	

T-Shirt - Screenprint		
(Front & Back)		
	YS	
	YM	
	YL	
	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	2XL	
	3XL	

T-Shirt - Screenprint		
(Front & Back plus Number on back)		
	YS	
	YM	
	YL	
	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	2XL	
	3XL	

LOGO'S

HIGH POINT PARKS & RECREATION

Logo will be arched
Letter sizes will range from 1 inch to 1 ½ inches

Picture of Ball

Baseball

or

Basketball

or

Football

or

T-Ball

or

Soccer

or

Whatever sport is being played

Summer Day Camp T-shirt logo will be different from above

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

GENERAL: All bids are subject to the provisions of the attached General Contract Terms and Conditions. All bid responses will be controlled by the Terms and Conditions included by the City of High Point. Bidder terms and conditions included as a part of published price lists, catalogs, and/or other documents submitted as a part of the bid response are waived and will have no effect either on the bid, or any contract which may be awarded as a result of this bid. **The attachment of any other terms and conditions may be grounds for rejection.**

Bidder specifically agrees to the conditions set forth in this paragraph by signature of the "BID" contained herein.

Pursuant to G.S. 143-48 and Executive Order No. 77, the State invites and encourages participation in this procurement by a business owned by minorities, women, and the handicapped.

MAKE AND MODEL: Indicate manufacturers' name and model number of item offered in the spaces provided on the quote form. The purpose of these specifications is to identify and establish general quality level desired. References to any Brand Names are not intended to be restrictive and comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered. However, bidders are cautioned that any deviation from specifications must be pointed out in their bid.

WARRANTY: Bidder guarantees equipment offered by him to be free from any and all defects in material and workmanship and warrants same for a period of one (1) year unless otherwise stated in the specifications. Such warranty to cover the cost of all service, parts, labor and travel to and from points of service.

SPECIFICATIONS: Manufacturer's name and catalog numbers used in this bid are product specific unless the description states equivalent acceptable. These products are required for compatibility and continuity of support.

BID EVALUATION: The City of High Point reserves the right to reject any bid on the basis of the function, compatibility with user requirements, as well as cost. The City of High Point reserves the right to award this contract to a single overall bidder on all items, or to make award on the basis of individual items or groups of items, whichever shall be considered by the City of High Point to be most advantageous or to constitute its best interest. Bidders should show unit prices, but are requested to offer a lump sum price. The City of High Point will not be bound by oral discussions during evaluation process. Responsible purchasing agent should approve all contact regarding this award.

CANCELLATION: The City of High Point may terminate/cancel this contract at any time by providing written notice to the bidder at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination/cancellation.

SERVICE: Adequate and satisfactory availability of repair parts and supplies, and ability to meet warranty and service requirements are necessary. The City of High Point reserves the right to satisfy itself by inquiry or otherwise as to bidder's capability in this regard.

SAFETY: See attached General Terms & Conditions #11.

BID RESULTS: For bid results email tracey.adams@highpointnc.gov.

THE CITY OF HIGH POINT WILL NOT BE BOUND BY ORAL DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS REQUEST FOR BID.

QUESTIONS: Questions regarding the specifications on this bid should be referred to tracey.adams@highpointnc.gov

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP DEFINITIONS:

Women Owned (51% and controlled by Women)

Handicapped Owned (51% owned & controlled by a Physically Handicapped Person)

Minority Owned (At least 51% of which is owned and controlled by minority group member.(Black, Asian, Hispanic, American Indian)

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The City of High Point reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and unless otherwise specified by the bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error or the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.
2. **TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:** Unless otherwise indicated on the first page of this document, the offer shall be valid for 45 days from the date of bid opening. Preference may be given to bids allowing not less than 45 days for consideration and acceptance.
3. **TAXES:** No taxes shall be included in any bid prices.
 - a. **FEDERAL:** Generally, states and political subdivisions are exempt from such taxes, as excise and transportation. Exemption is claimed under Registry No. 56-70-0047K as provided by Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - b. **OTHER:** Bid prices are not to include any sales, import, or personal property taxes. To the extent applicable, they are to be invoiced as a separate item(s).
4. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:** Any price changes, downward or upward, which might be permitted during the contract period must be general, either by reason of market change or on the part of the bidder to other customers.
 - a. **NOTIFICATION:** Must be given to the City of High Point Purchasing Department, in writing, concerning any proposed price adjustments. Such notification shall be accompanied by copy of manufacturers' official notice or other evidence that the change is general in nature.
 - b. **DECREASES:** The City of High Point shall receive full proportionate benefit immediately at any time during the contract period.
 - c. **INCREASES:** All prices offered herein shall be firm against any increase for 180 days from effective date of the proposed contract. After this period, a request for increase may be submitted with the City of High Point reserving the right to accept or reject the increase, or cancel the contract. Such action by the City of High Point shall occur not later than 15 days after receipt and review by the City of High Point of a properly documented request for price increase. Any increases accepted shall become effective on a date to be determined by the City of High Point which:
 - 1) Shall not be later than 30 days after the expiration of the original 15 days reserved by the City of High Point to evaluate the request for increase;
 - d. **INVOICES:** It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established contract prices in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision will subject the contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be invoiced as a separate item.
5. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment terms are Net, 30 days after receipt of correct invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later. The City of High Point is responsible for all payments under the contract.
6. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.
7. **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** Unless otherwise indicated in the bid, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be new and in first class condition, that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging.
8. **PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEFAULT:** The City of High Point reserves the right to require performance bonds from successful bidder, as provided by law, without expense to the City. Otherwise, in case of default by the Bidder, the City may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. Default shall occur if the Bidder fails to perform any obligation under the contract and schedule and such failure remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof from the City of High Point.
9. **SAMPLES:** Samples of items, when required, must be furnished as stipulated herein, free of expense, and if not destroyed will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Request for the return of samples must be made within 10 days following opening of bids. Otherwise the samples will become City of High Point property. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name and item number. Samples, on which an award is made, will be retained for the contract period. These will be returned, if requested, ten days prior to expiration of the contract.
10. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and successful bidder will be held responsible therefore. Deviations must be explained in detail on an attached sheet(s).

The bidder shall not construe this paragraph as inviting deviation or implying that any deviation will be acceptable.

11. **SAFETY STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization, such as the American Society of Mechanical Electrical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters' Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type(s) of devices offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished by the successful bidder shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

All bidders must comply with *North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, 29CFR 1910*. Construction bidders must comply with *North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry, 29CFR 1926*. In addition, bidders shall comply with all applicable occupational health and safety and environmental rules and regulations. Bidders shall effectively manage their safety and health responsibilities including:

1. **Accident Prevention**

Prevent injuries and illnesses to their employees and others on or near their job site. Bidder managers and supervisors shall ensure employer's personnel safety by strict adherence to established safety rules and procedures.

2. **Environmental Protection**

Protect the environment on, near, and around their work site by compliance with all applicable environmental regulations.

3. **Employee Education and Training**

Provide education and training to all bidders employees before they are exposed to potential workplace or other hazards as required by specific OSHA Standards.

12. **INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE:** Bidders are to furnish all information requested and in the spaces provided on the bid form. Further, as may be specified elsewhere, each bidder must submit with his proposal: cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications covering the products offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid does not satisfy this provision. Bids, which do not comply with these requirements, will be subject to rejection.

13. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS:** Bidders are urged to compute all discounts into the price offered. If a prompt payment discount is offered, it will not be considered in the award of the contract except as a factor to aid in resolving cases of identical prices.

14. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** As directed by statute, qualified bids will be evaluated and acceptance made of the lowest and best bid most advantageous to the City of High Point as determined upon consideration of such factors as: prices offered; the quality of the articles offered; the general reputation and performance capabilities of the bidders; the substantial conformity with the specifications and other conditions set forth in the bid; the suitability of the articles for the intended use; the related services needed; the date or dates of delivery and performance; and such other factors deemed by the City to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question. Unless otherwise specified by the City or the bidder, the City reserves the right to accept any items or groups of items on a multi-item bid.

The City reserves the right to make partial, progressive or multiple awards; where it is advantageous to award separately by items; or where more than one supplier is needed to provide the contemplated requirements as to quantity, quality, delivery, service, geographical areas; other factors deemed by the City of High Point to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.

15. **GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** In the event any Governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered on this proposal prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to notify the City of High Point Purchasing Department at once, indicating in his letter the specific regulation which required such alterations. The City of High Point reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract.

16. **M/WBE:** Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #77, the City of High Point invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, and the handicapped.

17. **INSURANCE:**

COVERAGE - During the term of the contract, the bidder at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the contract. As a minimum, the bidder shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:

a. **Worker's Compensation** - The bidder shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$150,000.00, covering all bidders' employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is sublet, the bidder shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of his employees engaged in any work under the contract.

b. **Commercial General Liability** - General Liability Coverage, on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$500,000.00 Combined Single Limit. (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability.)

c. **Automobile** - Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used in connection with the contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$150,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$150,000.00 uninsured/under-insured motorist; and \$1,000.00 medical payment.

REQUIREMENTS: Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the bidder and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The bidder shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any of such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the bidder shall not be interpreted as limiting the bidder's Liability and obligations under the contract. It is agreed that the coverage as stated shall not be canceled or changed until thirty (30) days after written notice of such termination or alteration has been sent by registered mail to the City of High Point Purchasing Department.

18. **PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS:** The Bidder shall hold and save the City of High Point, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including costs and expenses on account of any patented or unpatented invention, articles, device or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of this contract, including use by the government.

Any and all copy, art, designs, negatives, photographs, or other tangible items created pursuant to bidder's performance of this project shall be the property of City of High Point and shall be delivered to City upon completion of the project. Such property shall be transferred to City in excellent, reusable condition.

In addition, the copyright in and to any copyrightable work, including, but not limited to, copy, art, negatives, photographs, designs, text, software, or documentation created as part of the bidder's performance of this project shall vest in the City, and the bidder agrees to assign all rights therein to the City. Bidder further agrees to provide the City with any and all reasonable assistance, which the City may require to obtain copyright registrations or to perfect its title in any such work, including the execution of any documents submitted by the City.

19. **PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY:** BIDDER will defend or settle, at its own expense, any action brought against Customer to the extent that it is based on a claim that the product(s) provided pursuant to this agreement infringe any U.S. copyright or patent; and will pay those costs, damages and attorney's fees finally awarded against Customers in any such action attributable to any such claim, but such defense, settlements and payments are conditioned on the following (1) that BIDDER shall be notified promptly in writing by Customer of any such claim; (2) that BIDDER shall have sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and of all negotiations for its settlement or compromise; (3) that Customer shall cooperate with BIDDER in a reasonable way to facilitate the settlement of defense of such claim; (4) that such claim does not arise from Customer modifications not authorized by the BIDDER or from the use of combination of products provided by the BIDDER with products provided by the Customer or by others; and (5) should such product(s) become, or in the BIDDER's opinion likely to become, the subject of such claim of infringement, then Customer shall permit BIDDER, at BIDDER's option and expense, either to procure for Customer the right to continue using the product(s), or replace or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original product; or (c) upon failure of (a) or (b) despite the reasonable efforts of the BIDDER for a sold product or licensed software, return the price paid for the licensed software and any product dependent thereon.

20. **ADVERTISING:** Bidder agrees not to use the existence of this contract or the name of the City of High Point as a part of any commercial advertising without prior approval of the City of High Point Purchasing Department.

21. **EXCEPTIONS:** All proposals are subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein. All responses will be controlled by such terms and conditions and the submission of other terms and conditions, price catalogs, and other documents as part of a Bidder's response will be waived and have no effect on this Request for Proposal or any other contract that may be awarded resulting from this solicitation. The submission of any other terms and conditions by a Bidder may be grounds for rejection of the Bidder's proposal. The Bidder specifically agrees to the conditions set forth in the above paragraph by affixing his name on the signatory page contained herein.

22. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** As provided by statute and rule, the City of High Point will consider keeping trade secrets which the bidder does not wish to be DISCLOSED confidential. Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as "CONFIDENTIAL" by the bidder. Cost information shall not be deemed confidential. In spite of what is labeled as a trade secret, the determination whether it is or not will be determined by North Carolina law.

23. **ASSIGNMENT:** No assignment of the bidder's obligations nor the bidder's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted. However, upon written request approved by the City of High Point Purchasing Department, solely as a convenience to the bidder, the City of High Point may:

- a. Forward the bidder's payment check directly to any person or entity designated by the bidder, and
- b. Include any person or entity designated by bidder as a joint payee on the bidder's payment check.

In no event shall such approval and action obligate the City of High Point to anyone other than the bidder and the bidder shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

24. **ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS:** The City Auditor shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by the City in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7.

25. **INSPECTION AT BIDDER'S SITE:** The City of High Point reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant or other facilities of a prospective bidder prior to contract award, and during the contract term as necessary for the City of High Point's determination that such equipment/item, plant or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract.
26. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** Any and all payments of compensation of this specific transaction, its continuing or any renewal or extension are dependent upon and subject to the allocation of appropriation of funds to the City for the purpose set forth in this agreement.
27. **GOVERNING LAWS:** All contracts, transactions, agreements, etc., are made under and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
28. **ADMINISTRATIVE CODE:** Bids, proposals, and awards are subject to applicable provisions of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
29. **EXECUTION:** Failure to sign under EXECUTION section will render bid invalid.
30. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In cases of conflict between specific provisions in this bid, the order of precedence shall be (1) special terms and conditions specific to this bid, (2) specifications, (3) City of High Point General Contract Terms and Conditions, and (4) City of High Point Bid Terms and Conditions.
31. **CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS:** Any and all questions regarding this document must be addressed to the City named on the cover sheet of this document. Do not contact the user directly. Any and all revisions to this document shall be made only by written addendum from the City of High Point Purchasing Department. The bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this bid can be altered only by written addendum and that verbal communications from whatever source is of no effect.
32. **SITUS:** The place of all contracts, transactions, agreements, their situs and forum, shall be North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement shall be determined.